GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1230
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2002
DEVELOPMENT OF ADVANCED DATA LINK
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a project for the development of advanced data link to facilitate date transfer and communication between fleet unit and shore was initiated by a defence research establishment in 1993;

(b) if so, whether the said project has been completed;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay and the present status of the project;

(d) whether due to delay in the development of the system, substitute had to be imported at a cost of US$ 6,10,2100; and

(e) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (e): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1230 FO ANSWER ON 7.3.2002

A project for development and manufacture of Advanced Data Link Systems through trade was sanctioned in May 1994.The project was envisaged to be completed by March 1995. However, the project got delayed for various reasons. The indigenously developed Advanced Data Link for Naval Communications (ADLINC) was subjected to User Trials in 2001 and was found acceptable Accordingly, an order for supply of three ADLINC Systems was placedon M/s. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) in September 2001. The systems have been delivered in February 2002.

As an interim measure, procurement of 21 Stand Alone Communication Units (SACU) through import was sanctioned in May 1995 to meet the immediate requirements of the Navy.